



AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 1:

DESCRIPTION BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, between the third and fourth paragraph insert the title heading:

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 3, before the first full paragraph insert the heading:

DESR CriPTION OF THE INVENTION

After the claims, insert a page containing the following Abstract of the Disclosure:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A gelatin-free soft caramel comprising a soft caramel base mass that contains at least one polysaccharide hydrochloride as a texturing agent, a crystalline sweetener phase formed by a isomaltulose and a non-crystalline sweetener phase can be prepared by dissolving at least one soluble sweetener in water, adding at least one polysaccharide hydrochloride, fat component, emulsifier and a part of the isomaltulose, steam heating the resulting mixture, adding the remaining isomaltulose, incorporating air into the resulting mixture and cooling.